

# Current and Future Linked Responses of Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to Emission Controls

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Responses of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to emission changes are coupled because of interactions between their precursors. Here we show the interdependencies of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> responses to emission changes in 2001 and 2050, with the future case accounting for both currently planned emission controls and climate change. Current responses of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to emissions are quantified and linked on a daily basis for five cities in the continental United States: Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, and New York. Reductions in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions decrease 24-h average PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels but may either increase or decrease daily maximum 8-h average ozone levels. Regional ozone maxima for all the cities are more sensitive to NO<sub>x</sub> reductions than at the city center, particularly in New York and Chicago. Planned controls of anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions lead to more positive responses to NO<sub>x</sub> reductions in the future. Sensitivities of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to anthropogenic VOC emissions are predicted to decrease between 2001 and 2050. Ammonium nitrate formation is predicted to be less ammonia-sensitive in 2050 than 2001 while the opposite is true for ammonium sulfate. Sensitivity of PM<sub>2.5</sub> to SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions changes little between 2001 and 2050. Both ammonium sulfate and ammonium nitrate are predicted to decrease in sensitivity to SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions between 2001 and 2050. The complexities, linkages, and daily changes in the pollutant responses to emission changes suggest that strategies developed to meet specific air quality standards should consider other air quality impacts as well.

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## Introduction

The formation of ground-level ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than 2.5 μm) is strongly coupled because of their common sources, secondary nature, and interactions of their precursors (1). Changes in both climate and precursor emissions are expected to alter characteristics of ozone and secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub> (e.g., ammonium sulfate ((NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), ammonium nitrate (NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>), secondary organic aerosols (SOAs), etc.) formation and their interdependencies. Due to interactions between precursors of ozone and secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub>, control measures for one pollutant may lead to increases in others, and reductions in one location may be accompanied by increases in others. For example, decreases in anthropogenic nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions reduce regional ozone maxima and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations, but may increase concentrations of ground-level ozone in NO<sub>x</sub>-rich areas. Likewise, reductions in sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions decrease sulfate levels but induce more nitrate formation (2). Unger et al. suggest that increases in emissions of ozone precursors will enhance sulfate formation up to 20% on a global scale in 2030 climate (3). For evaluating policy options, it is important to investigate the interdependencies between ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> formation and how those pollutants respond to emission controls currently and as conditions change in the future. Such information can be used to evaluate how controls developed for one purpose, e.g., meeting an air quality standard for one pollutant metric, might influence levels for other outcomes, e.g., overall health and welfare. Here we examine daily responses of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to emission changes for current and future scenarios, including effects of climate change and currently planned emission controls, and investigate their correlations.

Two frequently used indicators of air quality are the daily maximum 8-h average ozone (MDA8h O<sub>3</sub>) and 24-h average PM<sub>2.5</sub>. For both of these pollutants, National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) have been established to protect against adverse human health effects (4, 5). Five cities in the continental United States—Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, and New York—were chosen in this study because each experiences elevated ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels. Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York also have 24-h average PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels over the 35 μg m<sup>-3</sup> NAAQS (<http://www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps/greenbk/>, last accessed 02/15/2008). Two years are chosen for this study: a “current” year, 2001, and “future”, 2050. 2050 provides an opportunity to assess the combined effects of planned emission controls and climate change. Changes in sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> and 24-h average PM<sub>2.5</sub> to emissions are primarily due to planned emission changes between 2001 and 2050 as previous results suggest that the effects of emission controls are more significant than those of climate change alone (2, 6).

## Methods

Quantifying sensitivities of air pollutant concentrations is done using EPA's Models-3 regional air quality system, applied as detailed elsewhere (2, 6), and described briefly here. The Fifth-Generation NCAR/Penn State Mesoscale meteorological Model (MM5) is used to downscale results (i.e., increase the spatial and temporal resolution over the chosen modeling domain) from NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies (GISS) (7) global climate model results for years 2001 and 2050 (8, 9). GISS results utilized are for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) A1B scenario, which is generally viewed as a midrange case that



**FIGURE 1.** Daily sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions ( $S_{\text{MDA8h O}_3, \text{ANO}_x}$ ) (in ppb, Y-axis) (based on a 1% change in emissions) versus MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> concentrations (in ppb, X-axis). Shown are the MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> and the corresponding (same day/time, same location) sensitivities in 2001 for city centers and regional maximum values (defined as the maximum over a 5 × 5 grid around the city) and in 2050 for city centers.

assumes a future world of rapid economic growth with a balance between fossil and nonfossil energy sources (10). Planned controls, e.g., the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and others in the United States (11) as well as emission changes in Canada and Mexico (12) are used to forecast emissions to 2050. The Integrated Model to Assess the Global Environment (IMAGE) model (<http://www.mnp.nl/image>, last accessed 02/15/2008) is used to forecast emissions from 2020 to 2050. Emissions are processed by the Sparse Matrix Operator Kernel for Emissions (SMOKE) system version 2.1 (<http://www.smoke-model.org/index.cfm>, last accessed 02/15/2008). Anthropogenic SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are projected to decrease 51% and 55%, respectively, between 2001 and 2050 over the simulation domain due to currently planned emission controls (Supporting Information (SI) Table S1) (12). Anthropogenic volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions are predicted to decrease about 38%, though total VOC emissions are projected to increase by about 2% as biogenic VOC emissions increase (SI Table S1). Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) emissions are predicted to increase by 7% due to growth in human activities (6, 12).

The Community Multiscale Air Quality Model (CMAQ) (13) version 4.3 with the SAPRC-99 (14) chemical mechanism and decoupled direct method 3D (DDM-3D) (15, 16) is used to simulate sensitivities of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to precursor emissions, including anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC,

NH<sub>3</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, over the domain covered by the continental United States and parts of Canada and Mexico in 2001 and 2050. A uniform grid of 36 × 36 km horizontal cells with 9 vertical layers is employed in the simulations (SI Figure S1). CMAQ with DDM-3D directly calculates the seminormalized first-order sensitivities of both gas- and condensed-phase pollutants to precursor emissions (17, 18), i.e., the seminormalized first-order sensitivity ( $S_{i,j}$ ) of pollutant concentration  $i$  ( $C_i$ ) to source emissions  $j$  ( $E_j$ ) is determined as follows:

$$S_{i,j} = E_j \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial E_j} \quad (1)$$

The sensitivities, as presented here, have the same units as the corresponding pollutants. These sensitivities are local (accurate for small changes in emissions) and represent how pollutant concentrations respond to precursor emission changes as if the systems were linear. It is recognized that the system is not linear, but extensive testing suggests the first-order (linear) response is accurate up to emission changes of the order of 30% for ozone and 20–50% for PM<sub>2.5</sub> (depending on species) (17–19). Recognizing that changes by percent reductions in a source are more policy-relevant, here we show the daily sensitivities of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to 1% changes in emissions for the two years studied. Sensitivities

**TABLE 1. Number of Days with Positive<sup>a</sup> and Negative<sup>b</sup> Sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to Anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions and MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> over Ozone Concentration of 85 ppb in 2001 and 2050 for the Five Cities**

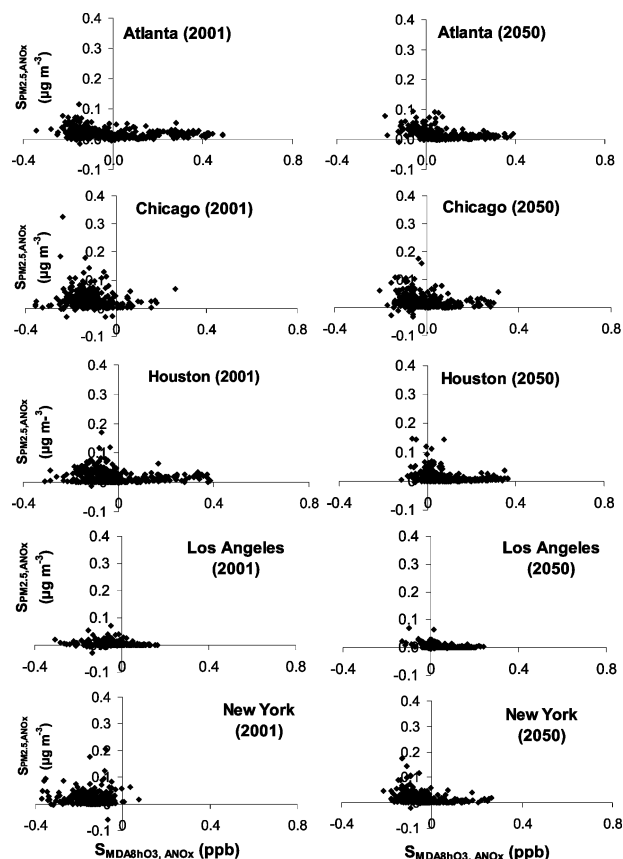
	2001 city center (+/-) (number of days <sup>c</sup> over 85 ppb)	2050 city center (+/-) (number of days over 85 ppb)	2001 (+/-) regional maximum (number of days over 85 ppb)
Atlanta	144/215 (66)	276/83 (0)	224/135 (87)
Chicago	31/328 (19)	131/218 (6)	188/171 (28)
Houston	117/242 (35)	294/65 (3)	262/97 (58)
Los Angeles	87/272 (9)	285/74 (1)	125/234 (56)
New York	3/356 (0)	79/280 (0)	173/186 (31)

<sup>a</sup> Positive sensitivity (+): Reductions in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions decrease MDA8h ozone levels. <sup>b</sup> Negative sensitivity (-): Reductions in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions increase MDA8h ozone levels. <sup>c</sup> The first seven days of each year are excluded to minimize the impacts of initial concentrations, leaving 359 days for analysis.

of ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> are examined for the grid over the city center where population densities are typically highest, and also at the location of the regional ozone maximum (i.e., maximum values among five × five grid cells around the city center, SI Figure S1). While the ozone response at the city center has increased utility in health-based analyses (city-center monitors are often used in health effects studies, and generally are associated with high population densities), the regional maximum is used in design of strategies to meet the ozone NAAQS.

## Results and Discussion

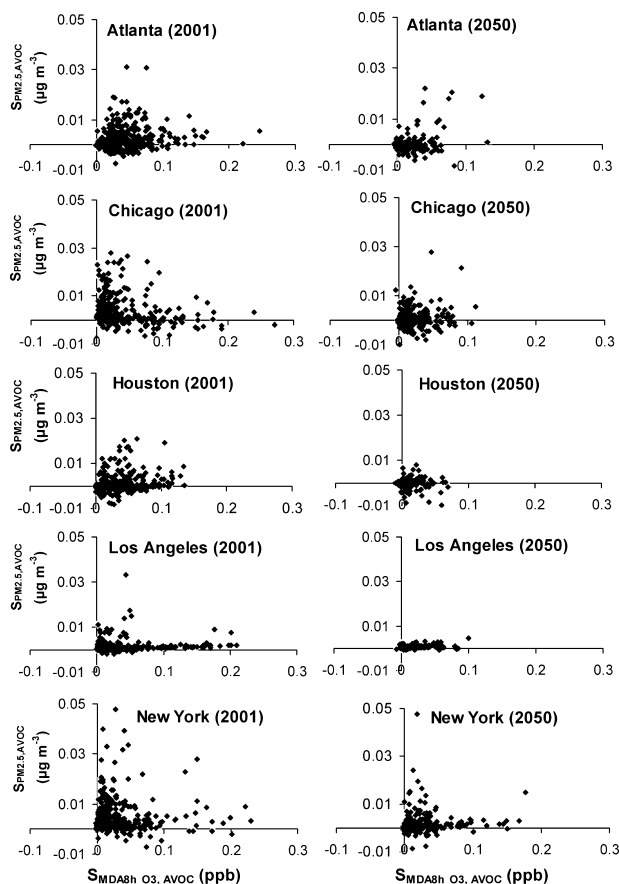
**Daily Linked Responses of Daily Maximum 8-h Average Ozone and 24-h Average PM<sub>2.5</sub> to Anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC Emissions.** The response (or sensitivity, *S*) of the MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (*S*<sub>MDA8h O<sub>3</sub>, ANO<sub>x</sub></sub>) is typically correlated with the corresponding MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> levels (Figure 1; SI Table S2 provides correlation statistics) when viewed on a daily basis for the years studied. Reductions in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are usually effective in decreasing MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> concentrations on days of higher O<sub>3</sub>, both at the city center as well as at the regional maximum (Figure 1). On the other hand, reductions in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are expected to increase MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> concentrations on days less conducive to ozone formation, a response found more at the city center (where, depending on the city, 215–356 days have this adverse response, Table 1) than for the regional daily maximum (where 97–234 days have a negative sensitivity). The forecast 55% reduction in domain-wide anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions between 2001 and 2050 is shown to make the formation of moderate-level ozone more NO<sub>x</sub>-limited and the sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> more positive in 2050 as compared with 2001 (Figure 1). Further, the highest MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> levels are reduced between 2001 and 2050, though levels are simulated to increase on low-ozone days (Figure 1). MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> levels and sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are predicted to have a higher correlation in 2050 ( $0.53 < r^2 < 0.81$ , depending upon city) than 2001 ( $0.0 < r^2 < 0.77$ ) (Figure 1 and SI Table S2), and the slopes are typically higher as well. Slopes in 2001 range from 0.0 to 0.006 (ppb/(%)/ppb), and increase to 0.005 to 0.010 (ppb/(%)/ppb) in 2050, showing that NO<sub>x</sub> controls are more efficient in reducing MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> concentrations in 2050 than 2001 for the five cities (Table 1) and there are fewer cases where ozone has a negative response. Based on a 1% change in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in 2001, sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are simulated to vary from about -0.3 to +0.4 ppb depending on prevailing NO<sub>x</sub> abundance in the five cities (Figures 1 and 2). Sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to VOC are typically positive (though often small), and negatively correlated with NO<sub>x</sub> sensitivities (SI Figure S2). VOC sensitivities are greater in 2001 versus 2050. While reductions in anthropogenic VOC emissions always



**FIGURE 2. Daily sensitivities of 24-h PM<sub>2.5</sub> (*S*<sub>PM<sub>2.5</sub>, ANO<sub>x</sub></sub> in  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , Y-axis) and MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (*S*<sub>MDA8h O<sub>3</sub>, ANO<sub>x</sub></sub> in ppb, X-axis) in 2001 and 2050 for city centers (each shown as response to a 1% change in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions).**

decrease MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> levels in 2001 there are a few days where there is a slightly negative response in 2050 (Figure 1 and SI Figure S2). For regional maximum MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> in 2001, NO<sub>x</sub>-sensitive environments become “NO<sub>x</sub>-starved” and the correlation between the sensitivity of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to NO<sub>x</sub> and MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> concentrations is stronger ( $0.1 < r^2 < 0.84$ ) and slope also increases for four of the five cities as compared with city-center MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> (SI Table S2).

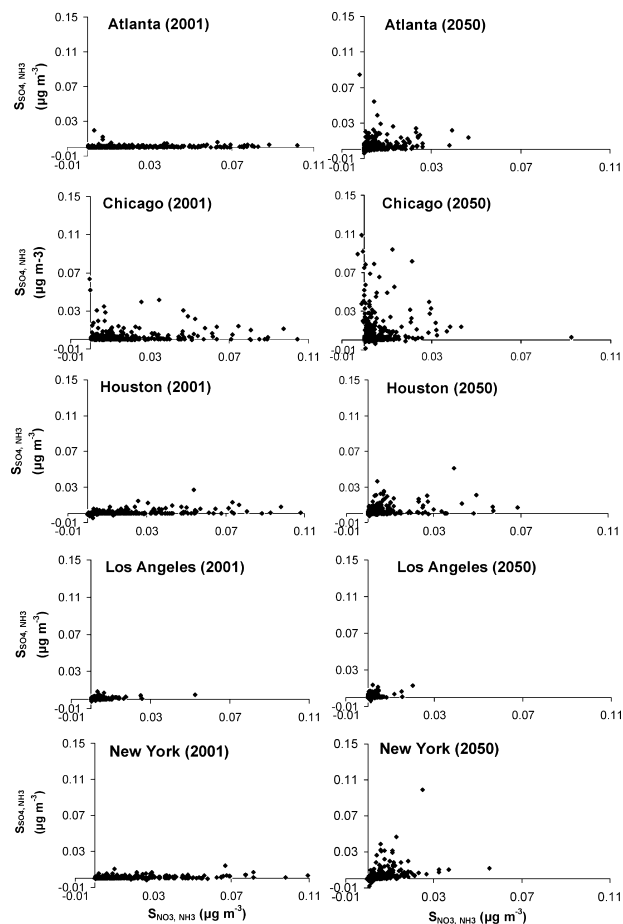
Sensitivities of 24-h average PM<sub>2.5</sub> to anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (*S*<sub>PM<sub>2.5</sub>, ANO<sub>x</sub></sub>) are predicted to range from about 0 to 0.1  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  in 2001 and 2050 based on 1% change in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Reductions in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> cause decreases in nitrate but slight increases in sulfate formation (2). The net effects show a positive *S*<sub>PM<sub>2.5</sub>, ANO<sub>x</sub></sub> in 2001 and 2050 (Figure 2). This suggests that reductions in anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are expected to continue to



**FIGURE 3.** Daily sensitivities of 24-h PM<sub>2.5</sub> (SPM<sub>2.5,AVOC</sub>, in  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , Y-axis) and MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to anthropogenic VOC emissions (SMDA8h O<sub>3</sub>, AVOC, in ppb, X-axis) in 2001 and 2050 for city centers (each shown as response to a 1% change in anthropogenic VOC emissions).

be effective in decreasing 24-h PM<sub>2.5</sub> (Figure 2), and such controls will tend to be more effective and positive for reducing ozone in the future.

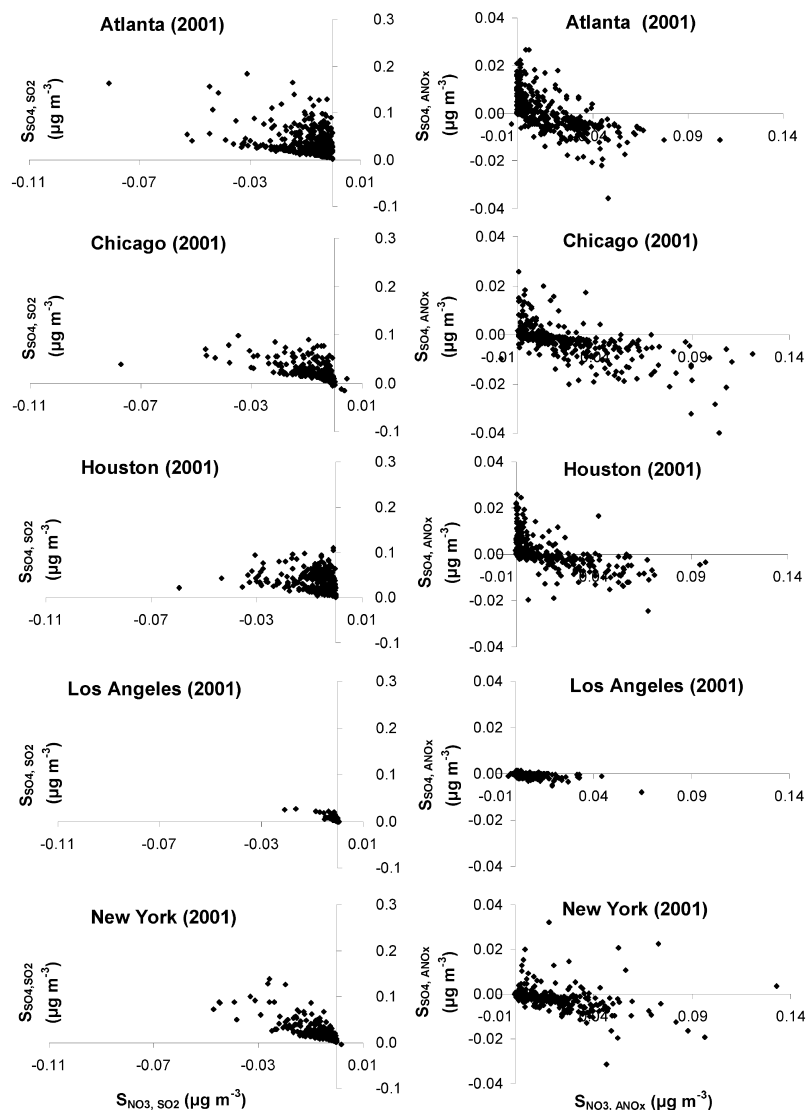
Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> responses to VOC controls are likewise linked. Sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> concentrations to anthropogenic VOC emissions (SMDA8h O<sub>3</sub>, AVOC) range from about 0 to 0.2 ppb while sensitivities of 24-h average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations to anthropogenic VOC emissions (SPM<sub>2.5,AVOC</sub>) are simulated to vary from  $-0.005$  to  $+0.02 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  based on a 1% change in anthropogenic VOC emissions in 2001 (Figure 3). Positive sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> to anthropogenic VOC emissions imply that reductions in anthropogenic VOC emissions are effective in decreasing MDA8h O<sub>3</sub>. On the other hand, there are a few cases where sensitivities of 24-h PM<sub>2.5</sub> to anthropogenic VOC emissions suggest that reductions in anthropogenic VOC emissions may slightly increase 24-h PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels. This is attributed to interdependencies among anthropogenic VOCs, radicals, SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>x</sub> levels in the ambient air (18). Reductions in anthropogenic VOC emissions decrease secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation but can increase OH radical levels, more rapidly oxidizing SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> which can increase PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations. In 2050, sensitivities of MDA8h O<sub>3</sub> and 24-h average PM<sub>2.5</sub> to anthropogenic VOC emissions are predicted to decrease mainly due to planned reductions in anthropogenic VOC emissions between 2001 and 2050 (Figure 3). It is important to note that current air quality models do not fully capture SOA formation (20), and the actual PM<sub>2.5</sub> sensitivities are likely to be more positive than simulated, though they highlight the linkage between the responses of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to anthropogenic VOC emissions.



**FIGURE 4.** Daily sensitivities of sulfate (SSO<sub>4,NH3</sub>, in  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , Y-axis) and nitrate (SNO<sub>3,NH3</sub>, in  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , X-axis) to NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in 2001 and 2050 for city centers (each shown as response to a 1% change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions).

**Linked Responses of Sulfate and Nitrate to NH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions.** Sensitivities of nitrate to NH<sub>3</sub> emissions (SNO<sub>3,NH3</sub>) (up to about  $0.1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  based on 1% change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions) are found to be much higher than sensitivities of sulfate to NH<sub>3</sub> emissions (SSO<sub>4,NH3</sub>) (up to about  $0.02 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  based on 1% change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions, which is about 1/5 of the nitrate responses) in 2001 in the five cities (Figure 4). High sensitivities of nitrate to NH<sub>3</sub> emissions are due to the thermodynamic equilibrium among sulfate, nitrate, and ammonium. Formation of NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> is limited by availability of ammonium (NH<sub>3</sub>) after (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is formed. This is particularly true in areas with high NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In 2050, higher temperatures and humidity increase hydroxyl radicals and induce more rapid oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. Also, pH-dependent aqueous phase oxidation of sulfate becomes more important. However, higher temperatures also increase gas-phase partitioning of semivolatile PM<sub>2.5</sub> compounds, such as NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>. Overall, lower anthropogenic SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, and higher ammonia emissions and temperatures cause NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> formation to become less ammonia-sensitive in 2050. The increased importance of aqueous-phase oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub> causes (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> formation to become more ammonia-sensitive even though SO<sub>2</sub> emissions are predicted to decrease in 2050 due to planned emission controls. Overall, the sensitivities of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to NH<sub>3</sub> increase, a finding that is opposite of the one for NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>.

Sensitivities of sulfate to SO<sub>2</sub> emissions (SSO<sub>4,SO2</sub>) and nitrate to anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (SNO<sub>3,ANOx</sub>) are simulated to be mainly positive in 2001 and 2050 (Figure 5 and SI Figure S3). Reductions in SO<sub>2</sub> and anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, respectively, are predicted to decrease gas- and



**FIGURE 5.** Daily sensitivities of sulfate and nitrate (in  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , X-axis) to 1% changes in  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions ( $\text{SSO}_4, \text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{SNO}_3, \text{SO}_2$  in  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , left column) and anthropogenic  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions ( $\text{SSO}_4, \text{ANO}_x$  and  $\text{SNO}_3, \text{ANO}_x$  in  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , right column) in 2001 for city centers.

aqueous-phase sulfate and nitrate, and lead to less condensable  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  formation in 2050. On the other hand, competition for ammonia/ammonium between nitrate and sulfate causes sensitivities of nitrate to  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions ( $\text{SNO}_3, \text{SO}_2$ ) to be negative and, therefore, reductions in  $\text{SO}_2$  emission are simulated to increase nitrate formation. Nevertheless, when lowering  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions reduce oxidant levels (e.g.,  $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ , etc.), sulfate formation can decrease (i.e., when sensitivities of sulfate to anthropogenic  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions ( $\text{SSO}_4, \text{ANO}_x$ ) are positive). Reductions in  $\text{SO}_2$  and anthropogenic  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions are simulated to lead to similar decreases in annual 24-h average  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  concentrations (SI Table S3). Both future  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  are found to be less sensitive to  $\text{SO}_2$  and anthropogenic  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions due to controls (Figure 5 and SI Figure S3).

**Current Annual Average Responses.** While viewing the daily linked sensitivities of ozone and  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  to emissions provides a rapid assessment of the complexities in the effects of controls, some health effects are linked to more chronic exposures to these pollutants, and many areas experience annual  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  levels above the NAAQS. Further, acute responses to daily maximum ozone levels are found as well (21). While the sensitivity of the fourth highest, regional maximum, MDA8h  $\text{O}_3$  to  $\text{NO}_x$  is positive for all the cities except Los Angeles (SI Table S3), the annual average of the

$\text{NO}_x$  sensitivities of the MDA8h  $\text{O}_3$  is negative for four of the five cities (from  $-0.15$  to  $-0.01$  ppb/%; Atlanta being the exception). Further, the annual average ozone response to  $\text{NO}_x$  is negative at all locations (from  $-0.11$  to  $-0.05$  ppb/%). All of the annual average ozone metrics are found to respond positively to VOC controls. Annual average  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  will be reduced by  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  reductions, with sensitivities of  $0.0$ – $0.04 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}/\%$  for  $\text{SO}_2$  reductions and  $0.01$ – $0.03 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}/\%$  for  $\text{NO}_x$  reductions (SI Table S3).

Consideration of responses of ozone and  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  to emission changes shows the complexities in choosing optimum strategies to address air quality problems. While  $\text{NO}_x$  control is shown to reduce ozone on days with the most elevated ozone levels, it can raise ozone on others. The response of ozone in the city center and the location of the regional maximum are similar in three cities, though not in New York and Chicago. Both ozone and  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  are reduced in response to VOC controls, but not in response to  $\text{NO}_x$ . There is an inverse relationship between how sulfate and nitrate respond to both  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  controls. Further, the response of the annual averages is quite different from that of peak daily levels for both  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  and ozone, so health effects associated with acute exposures will respond differently than health effects associated with chronic exposures. This also impacts

formulating strategies to meet the various NAAQS, including daily maximum ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub>, as well as the annual average PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

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